

# Big Bend

## Ranger Programs

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Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River



### November 29 – December 5, 2015

#### Sunday, November 29

**3:00 PM Guided Walk – “Soap from Yucca & More!”** If you have the knowledge just about everything you need can be obtained from plants. Join Ranger C. Rinas on this easy 0.5 mile walk to learn about some of the traditional uses of plants. Bring water and sun protection. Meet at the Dugout Wells picnic area. 1/3 mile walk. 45 minutes.

**7:30 PM Evening Program – “Big Bend Through The Seasons”** Big Bend is a place of dynamic changes, from winter snow and ice to the searing summer heat. Join Ranger J. Jurado to experience Big Bend through the seasons: see when the wildflowers bloom, what to expect in the fall, when our busiest times are, and decide which season you might choose for your next Big Bend visit. Meet at the Chisos Basin Amphitheater. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour.

#### Monday, November 30

**3:00 PM Guided Walk – “The Way We Walk”** Many of us have enjoyed hiking on trails, but have you ever thought about how or why these trails were built? Join Ranger J. Woerner for a closer look at the work and thought behind trail building. Meet at the Chisos Basin Trailhead. Bring water, a hat, and good walking shoes. 1 mile. 45 minutes.

#### Tuesday, December 1

**3:00 PM Guided Walk – “The Birth of the CCC”** There was a cry that came from our country in the 1930's; a cry of hunger, poverty, and lack of work. Franklin D. Roosevelt heard this cry and strove to do something about it, creating the Civilian Conservation Corp. Join Ranger K. Eckert to learn more about the creation of the CCC, and see their lasting handiwork here in Big Bend National Park. Meet at the Chisos Basin Trailhead. 1/3 mile walk. Wheelchair accessible. 45 minutes.

#### Wednesday, December 2

**7:30 PM Evening Program – “Star-gazing with Binoculars and the Naked Eye”** You don't need a telescope to locate and enjoy many of the natural wonders in the night skies over Big Bend National Park. Join Volunteer R. Wonite for a laser-guided tour of the more prominent stars, star clusters and nebulae in the winter sky, weather permitting. Meet at the pullout at Mile 15.3 on the road to Rio Grande Village. Wheelchair accessible. Bring binoculars and/or a chair if you have them. 1 hour.

#### Thursday, December 3

**9:30 AM Guided Walk – “Islands in the Sky”** It is hard to stand in the Chisos Basin and not have a heightened sense of one's surroundings. The forested environment supports a variety of plants and animals not found elsewhere in the park. Join Ranger B. Frohbieter for a discussion of the “sky island” ecology of the Chisos Mountains. Meet at the Chisos Basin Trailhead. Wheelchair accessible. 1/3 mile. 45 minutes.

#### Friday, December 4

**3:00 PM Program – “Scorpions”** How is a scorpion like an alligator? What do they have in common with seals? Join Ranger K. Eckert to learn more about scorpions, common misconceptions, and the unusual similarities they have to other species. Meet on the patio outside the Chisos Mountains Lodge. Wheelchair accessible. 45 minutes.

#### Saturday, December 5

**7:30 PM Evening Program – “Big Cats in Big Bend”** Solitary and elusive, mountain lions have incited mystery, myth, and the human imaginations. Although often feared by people, these cats play an important role in the health of Big Bend's ecology. Join Ranger J. Woerner to learn about these powerfully misunderstood creatures and what makes them so special. Meet at the Chisos Basin Amphitheater. Wheelchair accessible. Bring a flashlight. 1 hour.